



DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Maritime Administration

[Docket No. MARAD-2021-0262]

Request for Comments of a Previously Approved Information Collection: Maritime Administration Annual Service Obligation Compliance Report

AGENCY: Maritime Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces that the Information Collection Request (ICR) abstracted below is being forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and comments. A Federal Register Notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on the following information collection was published on August 17, 2021.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before [Insert date 30 days after the date of publication in the FEDERAL REGISTER].

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain. Find this particular information collection by selecting "Currently under 30-day Review - Open for Public Comments" or by using the search function.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Danielle Bennett, 202-366-7618, Office of Maritime Labor and Training, Maritime Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE, Room W23-458, Washington, DC 20590.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Maritime Administration Annual Service Obligation Compliance Report

OMB Control Number: 2133-0509

Type of Request: Renewal of a Previously Approved Information Collection.

Abstract: 46 USC 51306 and 46 USC 51509 imposes a service obligation on every graduate of the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy and every State maritime academy Student Incentive Payment (SIP) program graduate. This mandatory service obligation is for the Federal financial assistance the graduate received as a student. The obligation consists of (1) maintaining a U.S. Coast Guard merchant mariner credentials with an officer endorsement; (2) serving as a commissioned officer in the U.S. Naval Reserve, the U.S. Coast Guard Reserve or any other reserve unit of an armed force of the United States following graduation from an academy (3) serving as a merchant marine officer on U.S.-flag vessels or as a commissioned officer on active duty in an armed or uniformed force of the United States, NOAA Corps, PHS Corps, or other MARAD approved service; and (4) report annually on their compliance with their service obligation after graduation.

Respondents: Graduates of the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy and State maritime academy Student Incentive Payment (SIP) program graduates.

Affected Public: Individuals and/or Households

Estimated Number of Respondents: 2100

Total Estimated Number of Responses: 2100

Frequency of Collection: Annually

Estimated Time per Respondent: 20 minutes

Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours: 700

Public Comments Invited: Comments are invited on: whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Department, including whether the information will have practical utility; the accuracy of the Department's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and ways to minimize the burden of the

collection of information on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

(AUTHORITY: The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995; 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, as amended; and 49 CFR 1.93)

By Order of the Acting Maritime Administrator.

T. Mitchell Hudson, Jr.,

Secretary, Maritime Administration.

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